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State Health Department Schedules Public Hearing

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health will hold a public hearing concerning utilization of funds for two grants: the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act and the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. The hearing will be held Tues., Sept. 16, 2008, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 210 on the second floor of the State Capitol Judicial Wing in Bismarck, N.D.

The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act provides financial assistance to improve the quality, availability and organization of health-care and support services for individuals who have HIV infection and their families. The Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant provides funding for prevention programs designed to reduce death and disability, particularly relating to the Healthy People 2010 health objectives.

Comments or questions about the grants received by 1 p.m., Sept. 16, 2008, will be considered fully. The public is invited to direct their comments to the following:

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